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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 31st of July 1934.
16th of Karkadagam 1109.

The House met at half past eleven with C. G. Herbert, Esq., I. C. S., the President, in the Chair. Messrs. A. G. Menon, K. G. Nayar, A. I. Mani, K. Mohamed Seethi, A. R. Menon and A. Sankara Menon were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Cost of registers and forms supplied to Co-operative Soceities—list of.

31. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has at any time supplied the Government with a list of societies from which cost of registers, forms, etc., supplied and said to be due to his department; and if so, when was it submitted; and

(b) whether the Trichur Government's Society was also included in the list?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) On 26th Thulam 1106 the Registrar of Co-operative Societies submitted to the Government a list of the sums which were due from the Co-operative Societies on account of the cost of registers, forms, etc., supplied to them by the Registrar and which were transferred to the Central Co-operative Bank for collection.

(b). Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has the total sum of which notice has been given realised?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. The whole amount has been realised.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the amount?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know the exact amount, but the whole amount of these registers, forms, etc., has been realised by the Central Bank. If you want I shall look into the figures. The total amount was Rs. 300—7—7.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have the Government got a list of registers, etc., supplied to each society and the dates of the realisation of the amount?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have got the names of the societies, the amounts due and the amounts collected and the balance.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to place it on the table ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has any complaint been received from the Central Bank about the non-realisation of the amount?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not remember that the Government have received any such communication.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Was there any correspondence between the Central Bank and the Registrar on this subject ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the correspondence be placed on the table of the House?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have not got copies of the correspondence. I know that there was an amount of Rs. 74—12—7 yet due from the department on account of these registers, forms, etc. That amount was paid by the Registrar himself.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to call for the statement at once and place it on the table ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, we shall consider.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Did the Central Bank write off any amount in 1105 on account of these registers and forms ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know whether any amount was written off in 1105 or not, but no amount has been written off since the receipt of this question.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Government said it was realised; then there can be no writings off.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is very many years since the Bank has been started. It is not possible to say whether there have been writings off. But I can say there was no writings off since this correspondence. The balance due was only Rs. 74 and odd and it was paid by the Registrar himself and we have authentic information on that point.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to say when the registers were first supplied ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Can the Government say when the price was first realised ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How many registers were printed and in which year ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Are there registers in stock now?
Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I am not sure.

Cochin Central Co-operative Bank—Audit by the Comptroller of Accounts.

32. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether the Audit Report and Balance Sheet of the Cochin Central Co-operative Bank are submitted to the Government, Registrar of Co-operative Societies and to the Comptroller of Accounts every year;

(b) whether the Government have noted the item 'Departmental Dues' shown in the Balance Sheet of the Central Bank; and if not,

(c) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has noted it;

(d) from which department or officer the said 'Departmental Dues' should be realised;

(e) what steps have been taken to realise them;

(f) by whom and when were they taken and with what result?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) and (c) Both the Government and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies have noted it.

(d) The amounts were due from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies on account of the societies.

(e) and (f) The amount has already been realised.

Cochin Tenancy Bill—time elapsed after passing of.

33. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many months have passed since the Legislative Council passed the Bill amending the Cochin Tenancy Regulation;

(b) whether the Bill has received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja;

(c) whether the majority of the non-official members of the Legislative Council submitted a representation to the Government requesting to expedite passing the Bill; and if so,

(d) when was it and how many months have passed since then?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) 19 months.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) 24th January 1934. 6 months.

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